



Commuter Choice® Employer E-Update

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*The Commuter Choice® Employer E-Update:
Promoting the Latest Highlights to Commuter Choice® Employers*

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The Commuter Choice® Leadership Initiative welcomes the following employers that joined the Commuter Choice Leadership Initiative in February:

- California: **Applied Biosystems, University of California-Davis, U.S. EPA Region 9, Peninsula Traffic Congestion Relief Alliance;**
- Colorado: **CFP Board of Standards, Inc.;**
- Florida: **Palm Beach Health Department, Bal Harbour Village;**
- Massachusetts: **Shriners Burns Hospital, Charles River Transportation Management Association, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), ADD, Inc.;**
- Missouri: **Center for Financial Training;**
- New York: **IBM-Watson Research Center.**

2. March Phone Forum for Large Employers Reveals Challenges and Best Practices of Implementing Commuter Benefits at Multiple Work-Sites.

Providing standardized commuter benefits common across all work-sites is one of the biggest challenges for large employers seeking to implement commuter benefits company-wide. That's what Ron Gonzales, Commuter Services Program Manager at Raytheon Missile Systems in Tucson, Arizona, told participants in a CCLI phone forum held on April 9, 2003. Other speakers included Cormac Gilligan, Environmental Health and Safety Consultant for Hewlett-Packard and Larry Filler, Transit Center/National Transit Benefits Association. To read the phone forum summary, please visit our web-site at <http://www.commuterchoice.gov/employ/ph-forumindex.htm>.

3. CCLI Initiates Best Workplaces for Commuters^(SM) Campaign for Large, National Employers

70 companies from the Fortune 1000 have at least 1 work-site that is a participating Commuter Choice® Employer. Following on the successful **Best Workplaces for Commuters^(SM)** campaign in San Francisco <http://www.commuterchoice.gov/campaign/sfbest.htm>, we are developing a **Best Workplaces for Commuters^(SM)** campaign for large, national employers. If you are a Fortune 1000 company and want to learn more about this opportunity, please contact us at commuterchoice@epa.gov.

4. U.S. DOT “Commuter Choice Primer” now available

The U.S. DOT has developed a guide for employers in the process of implementing commuter benefits programs. The guide includes a Commuter Choice Decision Support System (CCDSS) CD that assists employers that are exploring how commuter benefits programs can alleviate various work-site problems (such as parking shortages) and how they can offer a new, popular benefit to employees. To order a hardcopy, contact the U.S. DOT Operations-ITS Help-line toll free at (866) 367-7487 and ask the “Commuter Choice Primer”, FHWA-OP-03-007, EDL#13669.

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